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SUBJECT: ONE THOUSAND BRITISH TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN

1. SPOKESMAN NORTHERN IRELAND HEADQUARTERS BRITISH ARMY LISBURN CONFIRMED TODAY THAT 1000 TROOPS WOULD BE WITHDRAWN IN NEAR FUTURE. HALF WILL COME FROM 20 MEDIUM REGIMENT ROYAL ARTILLERY IN (CATHOLIC) WEST BELFAST AND HALF FROM 45 COMMANDO ROYAL MARINES ARMAGH AREA.

2. LOCAL NEWSPAPER THE NEWS LETTER ON SEPT. 3 NOTED THAT MARINES INVOLVED IN NEWRY ELECTRICAL POWER CRISIS AND CLAIMED WITHDRAWALS FOLLOW PRESSURE OF BRITISH ARMY COMMITMENTS ELSEWHERE. SPECIFICALLY PRESS ACCOUNT ASCRIBES REDUCTION TO PRESSURE OTHER NATO COUNTRIES ON BRITAIN TO REDUCE "BORROWINGS" FROM BRITISH ARMY ON RHINE IN WAKE GREEK AND TURKISH WITHDRAWALS FROM NATO OBLIGATIONS. BRITISH ARMY SPOKESMAN DENIED THERE ANY NATO PRESSURE AFFECTING DECISION. SPICER

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